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— INTRODUCTION —

(Quotation - from History by Francis Bagley Lee - Putnam Company 1900)

"Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry, honorable and distinguished, and in this particular our subjects are especially blessed. In Netherlands History the name figures conspicuously in connection with state affairs and public events which are mentioned in the annals of the country. The original Polhem has the letters 'us' affixed as a mark of eminence according to the custom observed in early days among men of distinction and learning. Anciently some members of the family enjoyed celebrity in the cities of Antwerp and Ghent; and in the former, Eleazer Polhemus was a learned Jurist and held the office of Burgomaster in 1310."

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The Netherlands included Netherlands, Belgium + Luxembourg. Seven northern provinces entered into a union virtually founded Dutch Republic on July 26, 1581, declaring their independence.

Amsterdam in 1654. He then went to Long Island, where he officiated in the churches of Flatbush and Flatlands, taking up his residence in the former place. In 1662 he received a patent for twenty-five morgens of land, and in 1674 he purchased an adjoining patent of twenty-four morgens. Morgen—2.1 Acres.

(Quotation from "Wilson and Allied Families" (Youngstown, Ohio, Library)

Riker's Annals of Newtown, N. Y., Wills, Dec. 28, 1940—Polhemus.

Rev. Johanis Theodoris Polhemus (Polheim) b. Mepple, Prov. Drenthe, Holland, 1598 d. Flatbush, Long Island 6-9-1676. He was sent about 1635 to Brazil. The year when the Massachusetts General Court banished Roger Williams. Polhemus came by the Caribbean Sea to New Amsterdam, 1654, and settled at Midwout, Long Island, when he accepted a call from the First Dutch Reformed Church in Flatbush (Brooklyn) where he labored from 1654 to 1665 as First Dominie. He was afterward Pastor of a Brooklyn church until his death in 1676. He erected the Flatbush Church which was the first built on Long Island; cruciform in shape, 28 ft. by 60 ft., of logs surrounded by a palisade to protect from the Indians; much poverty; preached at Amersfort and Brooklyn.

In 1643 he married Catherine Van Verven who went back to Holland from Brazil (1654) until 100 guilders were sent for her passage and that of her children -4- on the Golden Otter which reached New York, Sept. 4, 1656. (End Quotation).

ANCIENT MEMBERS OF POLHEMUS FAMILY

The following interesting and informative contribution came from Fred S. Polhemus of Princeton, N. J.

During the Tercentenary Celebration of the coming of Dominie Polhemus and the founding of the first church on Long Island (1654), the Brooklyn Eagle featured Mr. Polhemus as a prominent figure in the celebration. As a direct descendant of the Dominie, he appeared at a ceremony in which a descendant of one of the Jews, who came on the same ship, presented to him a replica of the "good ship St. Charles".

Sources of information: "The Polhemus Family in the Netherlands, 1276-1598. Compiled from Documentary Sources" by Louis P. DeBoer, A. M. (Manuscript New York, 1917); Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, Vol. 3, No. 3 article on "Polhemus Family" by same author. Personal letters from same sources. Riker's "Annals of Newtown". Style's "History of Brooklyn" has much about the Polhemus Family. So voluminous is the material that it is difficult to condense it. Only main facts are given here.

The original home town of the family was Beckum in the Ruhr region in Westphalia, where a certain Johan Von Polhemius (the latter ius indicating a university degree) was magistrate in 1284. There are earlier records of a Johan von Polhemius who m. a. dau. of Aloin Fergent son of Geoffrey, Duke of Brittany, who successfully resisted (1085) William of Normandy ("the Conqueror"). A Theodor von Polheim (1217-18) went on the Fifth Crusade with Leopold "the Glorius", and helped bring the bells captured from the Mosque of Damiatta in Egypt, which now hang in the tower of St. Sava at Haarlem, Holland.

The von Polheims were protestants before the Reformation. They belonged to the class of "free Saxon manor holders", with the Frielinghuysen and Swarthholt (Swartwout) families, who during the whole middle ages, from Charlemagne's time until the Thirty Years War, protested against Romanism and Feudalism, Pope and Emperor. Scions of these families entered the Church that they might stress the fact that the Church should be a spiritual, not secular, body. One of the most famous was Rev. Johannes Polhemius (b. 1490), also named Johan von Polhem, a theologian, linguist and poet. At the time of Luther's protest, 1517, he was an Augustinian monk, 27 years old. He left his order, married a reformed nun, and joined the Protestants. At Soest, near Beckum, he worked with Rev. Stephen Frielinghuysen, also a former monk, ancestor of that family in America. He d. 1562 and his portrait hangs in Catharina Church at Osnabruck, where he closed his ministry. The son of this Johannes, Henricus Polheimius, lived at Munster, near Osnabruck, and had two known sons, Christopher and Johannes (living in 1637). Christopher (1630) joined the army of Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and at the close of the war became a citizen of Sweden. The son of this Christopher was the famous Swedish engineer, Kristoph Polhem (1661-1751), whose portrait hangs in the Swedish Engineers Club in Hicks St., Brooklyn, and who had as his pupil and associate Emanuel Swedenborg, scientist and philosopher. Swedenborg wished to marry the dau. of Kristoph Polhem, but her father would not consent and Swedenborg remained unwed.

It is the conviction of Mr. DeBoer that our Johannes was the great-grandson of the Reformer, who d. 1562. The father of our Johannes was undoubtedly named Theodorus, for it was customary to take the middle name from the father. The name on the books of Heidelbergh University read "Johannes Polhemius, Theodori filius". This Theodorus was likely the third son of Henricus and a brother of Christopher and Johannes.

Theodorus Polhemius was in 1590 minister of the Reformed Church of Odersheim. Mr. DeBoer, in his first account, gives Odersheim as the birthplace (1598) of our ancestor, Johannes Theodorus, but concluded later that it was Zweikirchen, in the immediate neighborhood. His mother appears to have been a dau. of the Rev. Casparus Leisler (either Elizabeth or Catherine), an evangelical minister at Zweikirchen, who died the year Johannes was born. Rev. Casparus Leisler had a son, Jacob Leisler, lawyer, whose son was Rev. Jacob Victorian Leisler, Dutch and French Reformed pastor at Bockenheim, a suburb of Frankfort-on-Main. He was the father of Jacob Leisler, afterward Governor of New Amsterdam, so that Gov. Leisler and Johannes Theodorus Polheumus would be first cousins.

Rev. Johannes Theodorus Polhemus, the first of the family to set foot on American soil (b. 1598, d. 1676), matriculated at Heidelbergh, Jan. 26, 1629, but received further education at the University of Utrecht, and in Switzerland. He preached first among the churches in the Palatinate, but had to leave his native land by reason of Lutheran intolerance. He came to the Dutch Republic 1628 and had a church at Meppel in Overijssel. In 1635 he petitioned the Classis of Amsterdam to be sent as a minister "to the West Indies", meaning anywhere in America, and in 1636 accompanied Count Johan Maurice of Nassau, appointed Governor of Brazil. On Jan. 23, 1637, this expeditionary force, with a large staff of officials, scientists, merchants and soldiers, landed at Pernambuco. For seventeen years Johannes served the Dutch Reformed Church in Brazil, on the Island of Itamarca. He was not a missionary. Itamarca was a garrison station and his congregation was made up of

Dutch settlers. It was there, undoubtedly, that he met and married his wife, Catharine Van Werven. She was a dau. of Daniel Van Der Werven and Lammertje his wife, who had been in Brazil for some years. Polhemus was then 38 years of age. Most if not all of their children were born in Brazil. There were two sons and six daughters: Theodorus, Lammertje, Anna, Daniel, Margaretha, Adrianna, Elizabeth, and Catharine. Polhemus got his living largely from a plantation, granted him by the West India Company, which he cultivated by the labor of slaves from West Africa, which he bought and sold .. though it is recorded that "most of them ran away and joined the natives in the bush".

The cause of his coming to New York is historically interesting. In 1647, through lack of support from the Netherlands, the colony became weakened and the Portuguese, from whom the Dutch had taken the territory, saw their opportunity and recaptured it. Choice was given to the colonists to become Portugese subjects and Catholics or be deported. None chose to submit. There were sixteen Dutch ships in the harbor. Fifteen of them reached Holland safely, one of which carried Mrs. Polhemus and her children. Domine Polhemus remained until the last refugees were cared for. He embarked on a vessel with Portuguese Jewish merchants, and the household freight of the Colony. (Those Jews had formerly taken refuge in Amsterdam from persecution in Portugal and joined the Dutch colony in Brazil.) The ship had hardly left the harbor when it was captured by a Spanish privateer. This was in turn captured by a French man-of-war, the "St. Charles". An old Hebrew Journal, published at Amsterdam, says of that rescue: "God caused a Saviour to arise, the Captain of the French ship arrayed for battle, and he rescued the sons of Israel from the hands of the outlaws; and He conducted them until they reached the end of the inhabited earth called New Holland, and none of them was missing." Twenty-three of these Jewish families, who had kept their faith, became the nucleus of the first Hebrew congregation in North America, the venerable Portuguese Synagogue, founded in 1656, now located on Central Park West at 70th Street, New York. The old mill stones in possession of this congregation, matched by those in the cellar of the Church of St. Nicholas, show that the Dutch shared their earliest meeting place with them (the loft of the horse-mill), and there is no doubt that this courtesy was due to the kind offices of Polhemus.

They arrived Sept. 3, 1654. Domine Polhemus found a field waiting for him. Megopolensis, Minister of the Dutch Church in Manhattan, saw in his coming "the leading of God's hand". With the consent of Gov. Stuyvesant, always Polhemus's close friend, he was sent to Midwout (Flatbush) to organize a congregation of the Dutch and Huguenot settlers. The Dutch Church at Flatbush and the First Reformed Church of Brooklyn were founded by him. Mrs. Polhemus with their children set sail from Texel in the "Golden Otter" on June 14, 1656, and joined her husband at New Amsterdam on Sept. 3rd. There was privation and suffering for the family, for the congregation failed to make provision for their salary or proper shelter, and the first winter was very cold, but Gov. Stuyvesant came to his rescue with a short letter to the village magistrates (given in Overton's "Long Island Story" Doubleday 1929, p. 47).

"The said Domine Polhemus complains of the uninhabitable state of his dwelling house, which has neither ceiling nor wainscotting, so that he and his family are compelled to sleep on the floor. We sent you 100 hemlock planks. I am informed that the said boards have been disposed by the Commissaries according to their pleasure. For instance 24 have been given to the hired man of Jan Evertsen, 17 given Jan Snedior. We command that

the boards be brought together again and put to the proper use and no other. If you fail therein, we shall take the proper measures; whereupon relying we commend you all to God's protection and remain,

P. Stuyvesant.

Done in Amsterdam in N. Y.,
the 21st Dec'r 1656."

It was not long before Polhemus saw the results of his labors. He became the spiritual father of the Church in New Netherlands. Even after the surrender to the English (1664) his pre-eminent position in the community was maintained. Parents brought their children even from New York to be baptized. The Classis of Amsterdam at his urgent advice relinquished control of the churches in America, and the independent, self-governing Reformed Church in the country was thereby established. **He regulated the first commercial treaty between this country and Brazil.** In May 1676, at 78 years of age, he was laid to rest amid the field of his labors, in the burying ground of the Flatbush Church. His wife survived him many years. His death was the same year as Nathaniel Bacon of "Rebellion" fame in Va. and King Philip-Indian chief in Mass.

The decendants of Johannes Theodorus Polhemus and Catharine van Werven intermarried with all the old Dutch families of Newtown, which comprised the western end of Long Island. The oldest son was named Theodorus, after the father of Johannes. Five generations were prosperous farmers, with large estates, passed down from father to son.....

The Rev. Henry E. Cobb, D.D.

Quotation from letter by Dr. Hans Sperber, Dept. of German, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio July 13, 1953.

The Swedish family Polheim (variations Polhem, Polheimer, Polhammer) immigrated to that country from Austria and probably got its name from the **castle Polheim** in upper Styria. (Mountainous southeast province of Austria bordering Yugoslavia and Hungary.) **The most famous member of the Swedish family is Christopher Polheim**, a prominent inventor around 1700.

There was, however a minister, John T. Polhemius, in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, later New York, in the 17th century. Whether he was in any way connected with the Austrian and Swedish family, I do not know. Since in early southern German sources, **p** and **b** are interchangeable, one may guess that **Pol** is identical with German **Bohle**, a thick plank, and that **Polheim** may have meant a **place surrounded by palisades**. The English word Bulwark, German Bollwerk, contain the same word. End Dr. Sperber's letter.

Quotation from Webster's Biographical Dictionary, by G & C Merriam, Springfield, Mass.

Christopher Polhem, 1661 - 1751, Swedish engineer and inventor; invented especially machines used in transportation, mining, agriculture and manufacturing; sometimes called Father of Swedish Mechanics. (End quotation).

Christopher Polhem, 1661-1751, was, it will be noted, in his first 15 years, contemporary with Theodorus (1598-1676). Theodorus was also a contemporary of Sir Isaac Newton, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth of England, and almost an exact contempary of Roger Williams (1603-1683). His death preceded the American Declaration of Independence exactly a century and he had eleven years to observe the operation of the Monmouth Patent, granted in 1665, which played a role important in New Jersey History. His coming to New Amsterdam was on the same ship -- the St. Charles -- as the first Jewish immigrants.

The geography of this narrative is interesting ... New Jersey, Staten Island, Long Island and Rhode Island. Staten Island is now Richmond County N. Y. though separated from New Jersey by very narrow waters, and the passage between Staten Island and Long Island is called The Narrows. The area of Staten Island is 57 sq. miles. Long Island extending 115 miles east has an area of 1682 sq. miles. Just across Raritan Bay south of Staten Island lies the territory covered by the Monmouth Patent now Monmouth and Ocean Counties in New Jersey. It extends south along the Atlantic to within 12 miles of Atlantic City, and is also 115 miles long. The first opinion on record of the country known as Monmouth is in the logbook of the ship, Half Moon - Sir Henry Hudson, Commander. On the night of Sept. 2, 1609 she anchored along the beach near present Long Branch, N. J., about 50 miles south of Sandy Point with the Highlands in sight. The mate recorded in the logbook: "This is a very good land to fall in with and a pleasant land to see."

The progenitor of all the families of the name in America was Johannes Theodorus Polhemus (History by Frances Bagley Lee).

First Generation.

Johannes Theodorus; b. Mepple, Prov. Drenthe, Holland 1598, d. Brooklyn 6-8-1676; m. 1643, Holland, Catharine Van Verven; Children ..

Theodorus Jr., Theunis, Abraham, first of seven in line by that name, Daniel, Elizabeth, Adriana, Anna, Margaret.

LeBoer says Johannes Theodorus was born at Zweikirchen, Westphalia.

Second Generation.

Daniel, Sr. Ancestor of our line (1662-1730) m. Aug. 16, 1685 at Flatbush Church, Cornelia (Neeltje) Van de Veer, daughter of Cornelius Van de Veer of Flushing and his wife Tryntje de Mandeville whose father was Hiles de Mandeville of Holland. Daniel was captain, took oath of office of Allegiance 1687, native 1690, Cornet of Horse, and Captain of Militia. Daniel was only three years old when the Monmouth Patent was granted in 1665; he purchased the Van de Veer home at Flushing, L. I. in 1702 at the age of 40, and seven years later settled at Middletown in Monmouth the same year in which his son John "purchased" there.

(Salter p. XLVI) Children...

1. Cornelius, settled at Haverstraw, N. Y.
2. Daniel Jr., of New York City.
3. Hendrick, settled at Hardinger, Somerset Co. N. J. (northwest of Monmouth opposite Staten Island), was ancestor of Hendrick Jr., Henry, Daniel, **Major John Polhemus**, and Jacob of Hempstead, L. I.
4. Johannes of Middletown, N. J., **Our ancestor.**

In Lineage Book - Daughters of American Revolution, Vol. 6 p. 64 under "Miss Ellen Polhemus Schofield: (About Major John Polhemus). John Polhemus in 1775 raised and equipped a company at his own expense. He was at Ticonderoga, Long Island, Princeton, and at the side of Lafayette at Brandywine when the general was wounded. The winter at Valley Forge he was made Major of the "Jersey Blues." He left the Army a poor man and when eighty received a pension." (Died 1835).

Third Generation.

Johannes, Son of Daniel, Sr. of Flatbush. Salter says (Hist. of Monmouth and Ocean Counties): He purchased at Middletown, N. J., 1709, was Judge 1711, and Elder at brick Church, Marlboro; his earmark was in 1725, and transferred to his

son John in 1744 and again to his son Tobias in 1769; This Johannes was the first of the name Polhemus in Monmouth, N.J., and the name became well know later. Polhemus Mills, which is Silverton, later called Kettle Creek. Polhemustown was what is now Cream Ridge (Southwest end of Monmouth Co.) and Upper Freehold. Old records are at Perth Amboy (Opposite South end of Staten Island). Monmouth comprised both Monmouth and Ocean counties. Salter (p. L) uses the expression "Old Stafford, now Ocean Co." and (p. 40) "Shrewsbury township in old Monmouth originally extended to the extreme southern limit of the present Ocean Co." Polhemus burying ground was at Scobyville. Johannes was baptized 1686; d. Feb. 3, 1767. Was married in Brooklyn to Annatje Ten Eyke (b.?, d. Sept. 26, 1763) daughter of Tobias Ten Eyke of Marlboro formerly of New York City. Children....

1. Elizabeth, baptized 1710, m. Gilbert Hendrickson. d. 1763.
2. Daniel (1706-1769) m. 1731 Margaret Covenhoven (1711-1780).
3. Tobias (1712-1779) m. 1st Parthenia Emlay, Dec. 7, 1748 in Burlington, N. J. on Delaware River South of Trenton. Daughter of Samuel Emlay. m. 2nd Mary Lefferts daughter of Leffert Lefferts.
4. Cornelius b. 1714.
5. John (1721-1793) m. Alice Holmes (1727-1788).
6. Nelly m. Covenhoven.
7. Catherine m. Matthias Love.

Fourth Generation.

Toibas. Record in Old Brick Church, Marlboro; removed and settled in Upper Freehold Township, and is ancestor of all bearing the name in that part of the county. (Freehold is now county seat of Monmouth Co.)

(Above from "Early Dutch in Monmouth" by Beekman p. 12) From a history of old Tennent Church Tobias was a first trustee and in 1748 at the time of its rebuilding. The town of Tennent is five miles northwest of Freehold. This official connection of Tobias with the "old Tennent Church" is of importance because: of the seven prominent religious figures from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts; three were named Tennent and one of them, Wm. Tennent Jr. was pastor of Old Tennent Church forty-four years - 1733 to 1777 - and is buried in the aisle.

Children of Tobias and Parthenia Emlay:

1. John (1738-40 and died after 1802 the time of Nathaniel's will, of which he was a beneficiary.) A Loyalist - our ancestor.
2. Nathaniel, Captain in the Revolution, bachelor, died 1802. His will below.
3. Joseph.
4. Daniel
5. Sarah m. Ort Barcalow.
6. Parthenia m. Van Skoyke.
7. Hanna.
8. Jane m. Johnson.

Mary Lefferts, Tobias' second wife was baptized May 22, 1737 and d. 1781. Will of Tobias is recorded in Vol. 13 Book 24, p. 100 in the office of Secretary of State — a resident of Upper Freehold. Children of Mary Lefferts and Tobias....

1. Mary.
2. Leffert - a soldier in the Revolution.
3. Tobias Jr. - Captain in the Revolution.
4. Benjamin.
5. Arthur

Of the Polhemus Revolutionary soldiers, all but 3 were officers.

Fifth Generation.

John - eldest son of Tobias, baptized 1738 d. after 1802. m. Mary Van Mater. Dau. Cyrenius Van Mater - See Calendar of N. J. Wills, 1786-1790). Children...

1. John b. 1760 m. Lydia Corson. Was a minister, and a Loyalist.
2. James b. June 24, 1762.
3. Sarah b. ? , died 1765.
4. Rachel b. 1768 m. Ellis.
5. William b. 1770.
6. Daniel b. 1774.
7. Joseph b. Jan. 22, 1779, Dover Township, m. Freelove Woolley.

The record possessed by Miss Fanny Polhemus, and apparently owned by John and then by his son Joseph has this verse in faint ink:

The Lor My (Spirit) shall
Prepare and Gard me with
A Shepard's care by noonday
Walk he shall attend
And all my midnite oure Defend.

Nathaniel, the bachelor brother of John (b.1738) willed to our ancestor Joseph (above), his nephew, "all the plantation I now live on, house and barn, wagon horses and gears, cattle and hogs, bed and bedding, tables together with all my household furniture, of every kind and the bord tules, to the said Joseph, son of John Polhemus. He shall give the following legacies:

to my brother John, all my wearing apparel and 10 pounds a year during his natural life.

Sum to pay brother the Reverend, 25 pounds.

Sum to pay Joseph's brother James, 20 pounds.

Sum to pay Joseph's brother William 25 pounds.

Sum to pay Joseph's brother Daniel 25 pounds.

Sum to pay Joseph's sister Rachel Ellis 25 pounds.

Sum to pay Joseph's nephew Tobias Barkalow 50 pounds.

Sum to pay Joseph's nephew John, a son of Daniel, 50 pounds.

Michael Hendrickson, 25 pounds, also the brothers of Michael - Samuel, Jacob, and Forman, each 25 pounds."

Salter p. LXVIII - Daniel Hendrickson the first named in Monmouth records was said to be of Flatbush L. I. 1693. Tobias Hendrickson was an active business man at Tom's River about the time of the Revolution owning sawmills, etc.

— Nathaniel's will - (continued)

Executors Jacob Hendrickson, Joseph Polhemus, John, son of Daniel, and signed by John and William Hankins, and Carret Covenhoven, Probated July 7, 1802.

The apparent reason for the terms of this will was that John, the brother, and John's son John were both Loyalists; and in 1778, a Judgment sale was decreed and John's Lands confiscated and sold at Tinton Falls (Walls Mills). So Nathaniel willed his wearing apparel and money for John's use.

The land willed to Joseph was at or near Cream Ridge and Joseph later traded it for 500 acres at Silverton, 25 or 30 miles southeast of Cream Ridge. The Silverton property was later divided by Orphan's Court and sold. (Case No. 199 in Surrogate's office at Tom's River.)

GENEALOGY — WOOLLEY

Quotation from "South Jersey", a History, 1664-1924. Published by Lewis Historical Co. Vol. V. p. 426, 427.

Emmanuel Woolley came to Providence, R. I. in the same ship with Roger Williams; he was a founder of Providence, later at Westchester, N. Y., and was one of the men who paid for a share of Monmouth, N. J. in 1665; Freeman of Newport R. I. 1655; ordered to repair arms 1667.

Emanuel signed the Monmouth Patent and paid 3 pounds. Twenty-eight others paid 3 pounds, 22 paid 4 pounds; Richard Lippincott of L. I. paid 16 pounds 10 shillings, and Richard Borden of R. I. paid 11 pounds 10 shillings. Of approximately 110 signers in Salter's list (p. 18-20) 50 were from R. I., 25 from L. I., several from Massachusetts, one from Barbadoes and a sizeable number, no address.

Emanuel married Elizabeth ? — Children:

1. Ruth b. Oct. 12, 1664 married John Tucker.
2. Edward m. Lydia Allen, daughter of George Allen of R. I.
3. John.
4. William.

Second Generation.

Edward (1655-1728) m. Lydia Allen. — Children:

1. Adam, Newport, R. I., m. Mary Freeman
2. Elizabeth m. Gabriel Steele.
3. Mary.
4. John m. 1st Mercy Potter — 2nd Rachel Clark - a Quaker, Juryman 1691 Road Commissioner 1705.
5. William - Bought land of Nicholas Brown, N. J., living at Shark Island. Juryman 1691.
6. Ruth.
7. Grace.
8. Joseph.

Third Generation.

Adam Sr. son of Edward m. Mary Freeman. Will 1794. — Children:

1. Son, Adam.

Fourth Generation.

Adam Jr. m. Ruth Hays. Will 1815. Son Levi, sometimes written Leviah.

Fifth Generation.

Levi, son of Adam Jr. Stillwell's Misc. (Vol. 5 p. 450) 3 sons of Levi, brothers of Freelove Woolley who married Joseph Polhemus; they are Thomas, Levi, and Herbert.

UNION OF POLHEMUS — WOOLLEY

Sixth Generation.

We have now come to the confluence of two lines of descent — Polhemus and Woolley — Having completed five generations of the Polhemus' line, and the genealogy of the Woolley line to the fifth generation. Thenceforth we shall have the descendants of Theodorus Polhemus and his wife Catharine Van Verven blended with the descendants of Emanuel Woolley and his wife Elizabeth in the marriage of Joseph Polhemus and Freelove Woolley. And just in order to get the setting, the year (1779) when Joseph and Freelove were born was the year when Joseph's grandfather, Tobias, died. That was the year that General Clinton took Stony Point, a place of strategic importance. That was the year when Gov. Tryon of New York,

with Loyalist troops, carried fire and sword over Connecticut giving ground for that State to demand and receive Western lands from the Constitutional Convention eight years later. This is why we have a county in Ohio named Trumbull for Jonathan Trumbull, governor of Connecticut. This is also why we have townships in Northeast Ohio five miles square as in Connecticut, while the remainder of Ohio townships are six miles square. And finally this is why we have an east and west road a few miles south of Youngstown, Ohio over which people from New England came to the "Firelands" for their future homes, and which is called the Western Reserve Road. The following is from Mrs. I. Lester Bedell, East Orange, N. J.

Joseph Polhemus and his wife Freelove Woolley, from their Bible, Silverton, N. J. Joseph (1779 - 1858) Freelove (1779 - 1855). Mrs. David Veeder of Tom's River, N. J. writes: Freelove and Joseph Polhemus lived out their days on the water-side farm at Silverton, N. J. Mrs. Elias Clayton of Silverton, descendant of Joseph and Freelove, tells me that Freelove met her death through an injury caused by an angry rooster that flew up in her face and raked her temple. Joseph m. 2nd Diadema Irons.

Children of Freelove and Joseph Polhemus:

- 7th. 1. Nathaniel - b. July 20, 1803 d. Feb. 17, 1868; lived at present Gun Club property. m. 1827 to Rachel Totten of Tottenville, Staten Island, . Oct. 20, 1806 d. May 5, 1892. Our ancestors.
2. Elizabeth (Betsy) b. Dec. 1, 1804 m. Taber Chadwick, Several Children.
3. Junian Sarah b. Sept. 6, 1806, m. George Washington Thomas, a teacher.
4. Levi Wooley . 1808 m. Mary Havens, daughter of Samuel and Mary Schenk Havens. — Children - Henry, Tabor, Conover, Forman, Sidney, Sarah, Marie.
5. Deborah (Debbie) b. 9-26-1811. m. Watson Clayton who died in 1890. He remembered Uncle John Polhemus and his wife Lydia ("Aunt Lydia") Carson. Children of Deborah - Atwood, Mary McKelvey, Catharine Johnson, Freelove Pine.
6. Rachel b. Apr. 18, 1813. m. Havens.
7. John b. March 15, 1815.
8. Joseph J. b. Apr. 22, 1817. m. 1st ? ?, 2nd Hanna Hageman.

Here we introduce a second family — Totten. Rachel, dau. of Joseph Gilbert Totten, Staten Island, marries Nathaniel Polhemus, son of Joseph and Freelove. On the national scene, John Quincy Adams was president. 7th Generation - Nathaniel Polhemus (July 20, 1803 - Feb. 17, 1868). Rachel Totten (Oct. 1806 - May 5, 1892) m. Jan. 24, 1827. Children:

1. Joseph Totten Polhemus b. Sept. 22, 1827 d. Mar. 2, 1891. Buried in Bethel M. E. Churchyard, Tottenville, Staten Island, N. Y. Married Sarah Ann Depew (Mar. 13, 1832 - Mar. 30, 1903) Children:
 - a. James Totten Polhemus, May 31, 1852 - m. 1st Josephine Wood. One child, Arthur, d. young. m. 2nd, Matilda Vollmer - no issue.
 - b. Melissa Jane (Oct. 20, 1854 - July 4, 1910) m. James Wood Bedell, Dec. 30, 1877 - See Bedell Genealogy.
2. Mary Polhemus (Sept. 6, 1829- ..) m. Alfred Sprague. Rachel - only child-m. Horatio Collins - 3 children:

Mary m. Wilbur Shea

Joseph m. Mabel Seaman - 1 child - Alfred.

— NARRATIVE —

Mary Polhemus Sprague, eldest daughter of Rachel Totten Polhemus, was the one with whom the widowed Rachel lived. (Nathaniel d. 1868, Rachel lived till 1892).

We are indebted to Mary Shea (above) for preserving stories of her great grandmother. She says Rachel was a "good old soul." Aunt Annie Polhemus says that Rachel was a most industrious person, lived to be 86, was always knitting mittens and wristers etc. and piecing quilts - so many that Rachel declared she had pieced 100. With all her children and grandchildren, perhaps she did for when I was married there were three in the attic that she had pieced for Lester who was a little boy when she died. I had them quilted and gave them to my children for heirlooms.

(This narrative is from Mrs. I. Lester Bedell).

th. 3. James Totten Polhemus (12-31-1830 to 2-17-1908), m. Lucy Ann Clayton (9-7-1834 to 1-12-1893) dau. of David Clayton and Rachel Applegate. Children:

- th. {
1. Edgar W. Polhemus (8-16-1857 to 9-6-1922).
 2. John Martin Polhemus (5-7-1860 to 12-7-1921).
 3. David Clayton Polhemus (12-7-1861 to 2-18-1917).
 4. Charles H. Polhemus (1-1-1864 to 11-17-1934).
 5. James Alfred - d. young.
 6. Anna Lucretia Polhemus (4-24 1868 to 4-8-1952).
 7. Caroline G. Polhemus (11-19-1871 to 9-27-1887).
 8. Ida Flora Polhemus (11-1-1873 to 12-23-1952).

— NARRATIVE —

A letter from John Wilbur Clayton, 39 Johnson Rd., West Orange, N. J., dated Jan. 18, 1936, states — 'at present, I am given to understand that Joseph Polhemus (1779-1858) exchanged lands at or near Cream Ridge, N. J., 25 or 30 miles north west of Silverton, for property at Silverton. This, at the time of Joseph's death, was 500 acres and was split by Orphan's Court Commissioners, and sold, and the proceeds distributed among Joseph's eight children or their assignees." Nathaniel and Rachel kept their eighth but John H. Clayton, uncle of Lucy Ann (Clayton) Polhemus bought the share of Joseph's son Joseph, and James Totten Polhemus bought the share of his aunt, Elizabeth, Joseph's daughter. So James Totten Polhemus and John H. Clayton filed Case No. 199 in the Surrogate's Office at Tom's River asking that the shares be sold and titles be issued. J. Wilbur Clayton reports that his brother hinted that the reason Joseph traded good farming land at Cream Ridge for land not so good — but more acres — at Silverton, was that he liked to hunt ducks so well. Is that the explanation why these Nebraska and Iowa descendants hie away to Minnesota, Canada or Colorado to hunt deer and elk? Maybe as my grandfather used to say: "They don't git it from no stranger." At any rate it included the "Cove" where James Totten Polhemus used to maneuver his sailing scow - the "Lucy of Silverton" - out and in, to and from freighting trips on Barnegat Bay, and where he used to take "all the neighbors" once a year across to the beach and delight the childish soul of his youngest daughter Ida.

TOTTEN GENEALOGY

Totten is a name from Tottenham, Eng. and is found in the records of colonial history of L. I., Conn., Morristown area, N. J. and Westchester Co., N. Y.; the names are the same so the family on S. I. has not traced the direct lineage back of John Totten whose will was made in 1785. However his son, Glibert was married at Woodbridge, N. J. in 1769 and lived on S. I.

The S. I. census of 1790 names James, Zabedie, Gilbert.

1784—Billog lands sold 27½ acres to Joseph Totten.

1787—James and Gilbert subscribe to salary of Rev. H. Rowland of St. Andrews. (Episcopal Church at Richmond.)

1ST GENERATION — The will of John Totten;

Notes from Miss Laura Yetman, Tottenville records:-

Surrogates Office, N. Y. County, Liber 37, p. 405.

Notes from Mrs. Byron Fast, - N. Y. Hist. Soc. Vol. 13, p. 130. Will dated Mar. 7, 1785; proved Apr. 4, 1785; witts Zebedee Totten Jacob Rickhow, Benjamin Dracke; names son, Joseph, and wills to him all his building and 5A. adjoining. Wife Anna, 3 lbs. per yr. as long as she remains my widow; son Gilbert, son Thomas, son James, dau. Maty, gr. son John Totten, 2 gr. daus. Mary, dau. of Thomas, and Mary Brown.

Executors sons Gilbert, Joseph and friend Gilbert Jackson.

2ND GENERATION — Gilbert Totten, son of John, and Mary Butler married at Woodbridge, N. J. Jan. 2, 1769.

Their children:—

James Totten m. Mary Johnson.

John (1771-1847) m. Ann Cole.

Joseph Gilbert m. Mary Cubberly, dau. of Joseph and Addra Cubberly. - Our ancestor - See "composite" on later page.

Elizabeth m. Rev. William Cole.

Rachel m. 1st Jesse Johnson; 2nd James Butler.

Letitia m. James Johnson.

Mary m. Rev. Joseph Polhemus 1st; 2nd Mathew Williams.

3RD GENERATION — Joseph Gilbert Totten and Mary Cubberly (1788-1864)
Their children:

James Cubberly Totten (1805-1869) m. Martha Ann Wood (1813-1834). dau of Abraham and Elizabeth Wood and sister of Judge Wood, son of Abraham Wood, d. 1796.

... Rachel m. Nathaniel Polhemus - Our ancestors - See Polhemus Genealogy.

COMPOSITE OF JOSEPH GILBERT TOTTEN

Father of Rachel Totten Polhemus

Joseph Gilbert Totten (1788-1864). An American soldier, born at New Haven, Conn. He graduated at West Point in 1805 and was assigned to the Engineer Corps. Under his uncle he worked on the Ohio and Western Territory survey (1806-1808), and returning to the Engineering Corps worked on the fortifications of New York Harbor, being promoted First Lieutenant (1810), Ft. Totten in New York Harbor is named in his honor. Served as chief engineer in the campaign of 1812-1813 on the Niagara frontier; in 1813-1814 on the Lake Champlain line of operations and participated in the Battle of Queenstown Heights, the capture of Fort George, the attack on La Cole Mill and the Battle of Plattsburg. For gallant conduct in the last-named engagement, he was brevetted Lieutenant Colonel. He returned to Coast Defense work and (1838) became Colonel and Chief Engineer of the United States Army. He was, thereafter and until his death, Inspector and Supervisor of the United States Military Academy.

In the Mexican War, he directed the siege works at Vera Cruz and was made Brigadier General. He made a reconnaissance of the Pacific Coast (1859-61) for Coast Defense purposes and on the consolidation of Engineer and Topographical En-

gineering Corps, (1863), he was appointed Brigadier General in 1863, and brevetted Major General for his long and faithful services - April 21, 1864 - one day before his death.

He displayed a keen interest in natural science and was an authority on conchology. Two shells, the Gemma Tottelii and the Succinea Tottenii, were named in his honor.

He published "Reports on National Defense", 1851, "Essays on Ordnance", 1857, and "Essays on Hydraulic and Other Cements" 1842.

He figures in this genealogy as the father of Rachel Totten who married Nathaniel Polhemus. Thus Rachel's children trace their lineage back to Emanuel Woolley and Dominie Polhemus as well as to Joseph Gilbert Totten and his ancestors.

See Totten Genealogy.

**References - The New International Encyclopedia, Dodd, Mead, and Co.
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GENEALOGY — BEDELL OF STATEN ISLAND Beadle, Biddle, Beadille, etc.

The Bedells are before 1700 in Greenridge, Staten Island, and the old home stood until the last century.

1ST CENERATION — Robert Bedell lived in Hemstead, Long I. as early as March 17th, 1657, for on that date, "Frances Weekes; Robard Beadille and others were chosen for townsmen for that year". He was elected Goodman Bedell at 12 s. a week. He died intestate. Inventory March 20th, 1701-02. In 1657 Robard Bedell owned 8 head of cattle and 6 goats, granted 16 a. land by town and took up more, etc., a man or property. 1658 tax was 28 s.

In census of 1673; Hemstead: Robert, Daniel, (2nd Gen.) Mathew, John; Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary, were daughters. Daniel born about 1664, m. Anne Powell, the only early settler by that name there, being her father, Thomas Powell. They were married Nov. 22nd, 1679 and her name is in census of 1698. Daniel was a prosperous farmer and gave to each son, land. Thomas; Ann; David; Jeremiah; Richard, Joseph Mary and Abraham. The Bedell homestead at Green Ridge is mentioned at length on page 164 Norris history of S. I., Vol. 2.

The church at Stony Brook was the first organized church of any denomination on S. I. and the block fort was built near the church and court house. The clergy were also physicians, knew arts and sciences of that day and cross of Malta was over doors. Stony Brook was a distinct settlement for 200 years.

From many notes, this seems to be the direct ancestral line of the Tottenville BEDELLS. Joseph, son of Daniel of Hemstead may be the first Joseph mentioned on S. I., as the years tally for his birth and will of Oct. 13th, 1760, probated 1768.

3RD GENERATION — Joseph Bedell of Richmond County and his wife had children:

1. Ann M. Israel Dissisway.
2. Miriam m. Mathew Deacker, Jr.
3. Silas m. 1st Pheobe Wood 2nd Mary Poillon.
4. Joseph d. in 1793.
5. John b. 1719, d. 1781, m. Hannah. He was County Treasurer.

3. Silas recorded 1768 as a Doctor and his wife Pheobe Wood, Dau. of Stephen had Ch. Joseph & Silas; wife Mary had James, Bapt. Apr. 9th, 1773; John, Bapt. Mar. 8th, 1775; Phoebe b. 17770.

Children of Joseph and Frances Marshall Bedell, according to the Bible of Mary Ann Bedell Sprague of Pleasant Plains, S. I. were:

Marshall Bedell B. 1784.

Cornelas B. Nov. 1818.

John B. Dec. 7, 1778.

Susanah B. Sept. 1795.

Silas B. Oct. 16, 1780 D. 1799.

Silas B. Aug. 1799.

John B. Apr. 3, 1782.

Peobe B. Oct. 12, 1783.

Joseph B. Oct. 10, 1785.

The next generation is from the family records in the book, "The True Church" owned by Susan Prey Bedell, wife of John, who was the son of Joseph and Frances Marshall Bedell. The son of John and Susan Prey his wife was James Wood Bedell who married Melissa Polhemus and their son I. Lester Bedell married Edna Victoria Johnson to whom we are indebted for no small portion of this genealogy. She was born at New Lisbon, N. Y. on Oct. 1, 1881 on the acreage settled by her pioneer ancestors, which is now Gilbert Lake State Park. Married by the Rev. Mortimer Ashton, Rector of Zion Church, Morris N. Y. Lived in Tottenville until 1918; thereafter in East Orange, N. J. Lester was the 7th generation beginning with Robert Bedell of Hemstead, Long Island. Children:

Claudine Melissa b. Mar. 12, 1912 in the home at Hopping Ave., Tottenville.

Catherine Mary b. June 24, 1916 at Tottenville.

Claudine married Mar. 26, 1936 to Isaac Hill Munro b. Sept. 3, 1912 at Camillus, N. Y. Married in Christ Episcopal Church, East Orange, N. J. Their children:

Andrew Gilbert b. Oct. 9, 1942.

Catherin Mary b. Oct. 16, 1943.

Home at Camillus.

Catherine married Orval Walter Larkey b. Jan. 3, 1916 at Shattuck, Okla. moved to Pasadena, Cal. when 1½ yrs. of age. Married at Christ Episcopal Church East Orange, N. J. Their children:

Susan Maryette b. Feb. 3, 1944

Nancy Catherine b. Feb. 3, 1944. (Identical twins). Home at Altadena, California.

CLAYTON GENEAOLOGY

From letter of J. Wilbur Clayton - 3-30-36.

The first Clayton in N. J. settled, prior to 1680 in the vicinity of Red Bank, New Jersey.

8-page, 6500 word Clayton history from 1066 A. D. gives Paper 41 of Delaware Historical Society by Edward R. Clayton of Harlan, Kentucky, which relates "The earliest Clayton in English History was Robert de Clayton, a Nobleman of Normandy, later lord of the manor in England given him by William the Conqueror, 7th Duke of Normandy, for laudable services prior to and at the Battle of Hastings, Coat of Arms shield with black cross, red ball in 4 corners, Talons grasping ball in claws. Motto - "Probitatem Quam Divitas".

However Mr. Clayton has been able - so far - to trace actual lineage - by dates and names, only back to his great-great-grandparents John Clayton (6-19-1776 to 6-3-1845) and Rebecca Johnson his wife (9-20-1782 to 5-19-1863).

The Clayton Lineage

John Clayton (6-19-1776 to 6-3-1845) and his wife Rebecca Johnson (9-20-1782 to 5-19-1863). Children, David, John, George, Joseph, Cornelius, Katherine, Deborah. John's son-David m. Rachel Applegate. Children, Lucy Ann, Daniel, Mary, and Martha. Lucy Ann (9-7-1834 to 9-12-1893) m. James Totten Polemus (12-31-1831 to

2-17-1908). See Polhemus - 8th Generation.

Cornelius Clayton (Son of John and Rebecca, above), (10-17-1804 to 9-29-1889) m. Charity McKelvey. Their son, John M., (2-20-1840 to 12-6-1915) m. Emma Applegate whose son, Vincent A. was the father of J. Wilbur Clayton - the man who did the spade work for this whole enterprise many years ago. I have letters from him written on the subject in 1930.

James Totten Polhemus and his wife Lucy Ann Clayton. Children
Ninth Gen.—I. Edgar W. Polhemus (Aug. 16, 1857 - Sept. 1922).

Quotation from newspaper, Tom's River, N. J. Sept. 8, 1922.

— OBITUARY —

1. Edgar W. Polhemus was the eldest son of James T. Polhemus of Silverton. He married Annie Irons, daughter of Edwin Irons of Green Island, Silverton, and for thirty-seven years was a school teacher in this county. Mr. Polhemus was a member of the M. E. Church since his boyhood. He had been treasurer of Silverton Lodge - Knights of Pythias - for twenty-two years. He was long Secretary of the American Mechanics.

What most impressed his friends was the seriousness with which he took his duties, whatever they were, and the high sense of fidelity to his trust. He leaves a widow and three children - Mrs. Hershel Polhemus, Mrs. Blanche Barney, and Otis Polhemus of Belmar.

Charles Polhemus of Washington came to attend his brother's funeral. He grew to young manhood at Silverton and with two of his brothers went to Nebraska where he married and lived for several years.

2. John Martin Polhemus (5-7-1860 to 12-7-1921) second son of James Totten Polhemus and Lucy Ann Clayton. Married Alice Louise Humphreys, of Starkey Yates Co., N. Y., at Reading, Schuyler Co. N. Y. on Nov. 11, 1884. She lived to Feb. 15, 1947. Children:

Deceased - Mattie, Apr. 23, 1886 - May 4, 1886. John, Jan. 1, 1901-Feb. 20, 1901.
10th—1. Arthur James, Apr. 15, 1888, m. Laura Alice Fitch, (Aug. 1, 1893) Rock Falls, Neb., Jan. 28, 1914.

11th Children: a. James Arthur (Dec. 24, 1919) m. Virginia Bauman, Omaha, Neb. Dec. 9, 1949.

12th Children: Jane Anne, b. Aug. 31, 1950.

James Arthur Jr., Oct. 1951.

b. Eugene, Aug. 3, 1922, m. Helen Bradshaw at Brady, Texas, Aug. 18, 1943. Children:

Sandra Jean May 25, 1945.

Susan Kay, July 24, 1948

Edward Arthur, Aug. 25, 1951.

c. Laurel Beth, Apr. 17, 1924-m. Thomas Pierson at Holdrege, Nebr. March 17, 1947. Children:

Thomas Arthur, March 5, 1948.

John Michiel, March 11, 1951.

- d. Lynn, Nov. 24, 1926, m. Evelyn Smith at Atlanta, Nebr.,
Aug. 4, 1948. Children:
David Lynn, June 15, 1949.
Carol Ann, Sept. 23, 1951.

- 10th—2. Carrie - m. Charles H. Polhemus Jr. Daughter Anne. Daughter Lou, d. 1944
3. Daughter, Winifred Odessa, b. Dec. 14, 1893, near Holdrege, Nebr. m. Roswell Clay Simmons - b. June 2, 1896, McCook, Nebr. Married Oct. 20, 1918, Holdrege, Nebr. Children:
a. Norma Winifred Simmons, b. March 6, 1921, Alamo, Texas; married at Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 7, 1941 - Herbert W. Foley, b. March 22, 1920, Berkeley. Children all born in Berkeley.
William Robert Foley, Sept. 8, 1942.
James Alan Foley, July 9, 1946.
Janet Louise Foley, June 21, 1950.
Barbara Anne Foley, Oct. 5, 1952.
b. Robert Charles Simmons, b. Jan. 11, 1929, Oakland, Calif.

10th Gen.

4. George N. Polhemus b. Febr. 26, 1896, Holdrege, Nebr. Elsie Bonham Husted, his wife, b. Jan. 21, 1889, West Hallock, Ill. married Aug. 13, 1920... Paliuli, Hawaii. Their children:

- 11th-Stuart Polhemus b. July 11, 1921 - died at birth.
11th Son, Martin S. Polhemus b. Oct. 4, 1922 - Holdrege, Nebr. Jean Lucille Bruene, his wife, b. July 16, 1921, Beman, Iowa. married June 5, 1943 - Providence, R. I. Their children:
12th-Dianne Louise Polhemus b. Mar. 7, 1944, Ames, Iowa.
Son, Ray Nelson Polhemus b. Oct. 5, 1945, Austin, Texas.
Son, Carl Eugene Polhemus b. Nov. 28, 1946, Ames, Iowa.
Daughter, Donna Jean Polhemus b. Jan. 28, 1951, Ames, Iowa.
Daughter, Lynne Elaine Polhemus, b. July 5, 1952, Omaha, Nebr.
Son, Burt Huston Polhemus b. Aug. 29, 1953, Omaha, Nebr.

- 11th-Son, Dale N. Polhemus b. Oct. 31, 1925, Ames, Iowa. Irmgard Klein, his wife, b. June 24, 1926, Berlin, Germany - married May 9, 1948 - Ames, Iowa. Their children:

- 12th-Daughter, Monica Anne Polhemus b. Apr. 7, 1949, Ames, Iowa.
Son, Thomas Michael Polhemus b. Apr. 3, 1952, Ames, Iowa.
11th-Son, John Thomas Polhemus b. Sept. 11, 1929, Ames, Iowa.

5. Charles S. Polhemus, 3rd son John Martin Polhemus. b. Dec. 2, 1898, Holdrege, Nebr. Married Grace Edlund. Married 2nd, Velma Allen Houston, Texas. 1951.

- 11th Daughter La Donna, married Wm. Livingston 1943, Harlingen, Texas.

6. Alice Josephine Polhemus, youngest daughter of John Martin Polhemus; b. Aug. 26, 1902. Holdrege, Nebr. Sidney Alfred Lindstrom, her husband, b. 2-28-1899. Married Aug. 26, 1926. Children:

1. Lewis Lee Lindstrom, Oct. 1, 1926, Holdrege. Marcia Lee Nyberg, his wife, b. Feb. 5, 1933. m. June 23, 1951, Holdrege, Nebr. Children:
James Lee Lindstrom. b. 3-12-1952 at Houston, Texas.

11th & 12th Generation
of George N. Polhemus.

2. Dorothy Alice Lindstrom, b. Oct. 16, 1929, Holdrege, Nebr. m. Albert Ivan Buttell, b. May 17, 1928, Hastings, Nebr. Wedding Feb. 23, 1952 Hastings, Nebr. Children:
Teresa Marie Buttell - b. 7-11-1952. Dorothy is a graduate nurse and Albert is a railroad man.

DEDICATED TO: JOHN MARTIN POLHEMUS

by his three sons and three daughters in memory of the grandest dad a bunch of kids ever had.

—the merry twinkle in his blue eyes as he told a funny story without the trace of a smile;

—the warm squeeze of his hard hand on ours as we brought him from the barn for breakfast;

—the wonderful rides, half buried in a load of freshly cut hay, with dad as driver;

—the long rides to market with grain or hogs and the jiggle ride home in the lumber wagon munching on crackers with wedges of cheese cut with his jack knife;

—his sly little grin as he appeared at breakfast time on Easter morning with a hat-ful of eggs he had been hoarding in the wheat bin;

—the long Sunday morning horse back rides with him over the pasture to check fences and new born calves;

—the crackling fire he stoked in the old kitchen stove on Saturday nights when we took our turn at a bath in the big galvanized tub;

—the striped bag of candy he brought from his pocket after a trip to town, which we would divide from a circle on the floor on our haunches;

—his quiet, unruffled help and understanding in all our troubles that loomed so big at the time;

—his passing, all too soon, at the age of 61, which left such a lasting, aching void.

—Arthur, Carrie, Winnie, George, Charles, Alice.

BIOGRAPHY WRITTEN IN MEMORY OF DAVID C., THIRD SON OF JAMES T. and LUCY A. POLHEMUS

This is written on Father's birthday, the seventh of December, 1953 thirty-six years after his passing, by his son Edgar.

Before starting on this short biography of my father, I want to pay tribute to my mother, Christina Peterson was her maiden name. She was of Swedish ancestry and was truly a Christian, loving, mother of whom I am proud.

David C. Polhemus and his brother Charles came to Nebraska in the spring of 1883. I have very little record of my father until the spring of 1895 when he moved to Las Animas, Colorado. The family came by train, while Father came through in an immigrant car, bringing household goods, some farming equipment and livestock. Included among the livestock was a hog which I was told broke out of the car and was lost during the trip.

Being only three years of age when we arrived at Las Animas, Colorado I can remember nothing of our first home there but I was told we lived in an adobe house until we moved to a frame house northeast of Las Animas. I distinctly remember this home and Father at this time was concerned with farming. Farming was his occupation until 1898 when he became interested in bees, and purchased some which he operated along with his farming, until the spring of 1900. He then purchased

over one hundred hives, from Oliver Foster at a location about two miles north of Lamar, Colorado. Money was not too plentiful at this time and a note dated April 15, 1900 was given for part payment. I have this note in my possession.

We moved to the location of the bees north of Lamar in a wagon loaded with household articles, and after stopping over night about half way between Lamar and Las Animas (forty miles) we arrived at noon May ninth, 1900. About the first thing that attracted my attention was a wheelbarrow, which I immediately took possession of, pushing it quite a distance before giving myself a rest. The wheel from this wheelbarrow is still in use today in my work.

In 1902 my mother passed away, and Aunt Ida, later known as Mrs. J. H. Over-
turf, came to help Father and make a home for Clayton and myself. She being a teacher also taught school one term at both Silverdale and Columbine Schools.

In 1904 Father was married to Kate Cora Douglas, also a school teacher. Father spent his leisure hours reading and studying bees, and shortly began expanding by placing out new yards, until at one time he had sixteen yards. About 1910 he was considered the largest apiarist west of the Mississippi River.

My brother Clayton, myself and one hired man would help Father manage the bees. Horses and light wagons were used for transportation until 1908 when an International truck was put into use. Horses gave us considerable trouble, for after they were once stung by the bees, they were hard to manage around the yards.

About this time we moved into Lamar and in 1911 a honey house was built, 32 feet by 60 feet, with two floors above ground and a full basement. After forty years of progress, I have yet to see a more modern building better adapted for this business.

Production of honey was not Father's only concern, as he would buy and sell honey in car lots, handling as much as ten cars a year. He kept a salesman on the road through parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas with the orders filled from our plant in Lamar. About 1913 he opened a packing plant in Kansas City and at one time had "Lamar Brand" honey in more than eight hundred and fifty stores.

He took a great interest in beekeepers meetings and attended most of the State and National conventions. He was elected vice-president of the national organization and also president of the industrial section, at their meeting in Iowa in the spring of 1917. Father built up a good credit rating, making it possible for him to handle many profit making transactions when the opportunity presented itself.

Clayton passed away in 1914 from the after effects of an operation. Father died suddenly in 1917, leaving the estate to my stepmother and myself. We operated the business together for one year and then divided the property. In the division I received the honey house together with the firm name, The Colorado Apiaries, which is still in use today.

Father took a great interest in schools and while still at Las Animas was president of the Crosley, now Rixie, school board. This being the first school I attended.

He was also president of the Lamar Union High School board for about six years. The high school annual of 1917-1918 was dedicated in his memory.

Being a sincere Christian, he took an active part in all church work, not only giving of his time, but contributed freely to the building and upkeep of the church. As president of the Methodist Church Board for many years; many members would call upon "D. C." for his decision on difficult problems.

Many would come to him for advice and financial aid, and to my knowledge not one ever failed to repay him. He was respected and admired by all classes.

David Clayton, Christina Peterson, Clayton David, and Kate Cora Douglas Polhemus are buried in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery, near Lamar.

A Short Biography of E. C. Polhemus (2nd son of D. C. & Christina.)

The bee and honey business which was developed by my Father D. C. Polhemus, into a prosperous industry during the early nineteen hundreds, is still being carried on by me. I well remember one of my first experiences with bees. Father took me with him to one of his bee yards, and in due time, I was told to carry two frames with bees on them, from one location to another. Having on short pants, with no stockings or shoes, I unintentionally let the bees rub against my legs. They suddenly reminded me that they resented this, much to my sorrow.

Working with bees is interesting, and since I grew up with it, will undoubtedly make it my lifes work. It is a vocation which has many advantages. Many improvements have been made in bee equipment, which enables the operator to accomplish much more, with less effort.

The beekeeper has to do considerable lifting, and this has been eliminated by hydraulic lifts and other equipment. Until recent years, it was customary to pay rent for a location for your bee yards. During the past few years, farmers in order to get bees on their farms for pollination of their seed crops, would give the location free and pay you a nice sum of money, for use of the bees. To do this type of work, requires special equipment, which to date is rather expensive.

I have two yards which have been on the same location for thirty years, which indicates that I have had several landlords during this period. In order to designate a certain yard, it is named after the original landlord or after the locality where it is placed. Our honey is gathered principally from alfalfa and clover, which give it a flavor that has become nationally known. This being an irrigated valley, we very seldom have a crop failure. Joy has helped with the extracting of the honey during the season of nineteen fifty two and three. A car containing ninety three thousand pounds of honey, which was mostly of the fifty two crop, was shipped to Antwerp, Belgium. We also harvested eighty six thousand pounds in nineteen fifty three.

Truly it can be said that, "Our Toil Doth Sweeten Others". Honey is the purest of all sweets, and being a pre-digested food, it is quick to enter the blood stream. Many prominent athletes have it constantly on their menu. It is a wonderful spread for hot cakes, biscuits or waffles. Try it on cottage cheese, its delicious.

9TH GENERATION. 3rd son of James Totten Polhemus.

David Clayton (born 12-7-1861) Silverton, N. J. (d 2-13-1917) (M) Christina Peterson (born 11-20-1865) Boone Co. Ia. (d. 4-20-1902). 2nd. Kate Cora Douglas (M) (8-25-1904) (d. 7-4-1935).

10TH GENERATION. Son, Clayton David (born 2-16-1891) Holdrege, Nebr. (d. 4-26-1914).

Children of David C. and Christina:

Dau. Millie d. in infancy at Los Animas, Colo.)

Son Edgar Charles (born 12-14-1892) Holdrege, Nebr.

Alvarietta Gilliam (born 5-5-1894) Laurence County, Tenn. Married (9-4-1918) at Trinidad, Colo. by John T. Shepherd D.D. Shortly after our marriage, we purchased a home at 410 W. Olive St. in Lamar, Colo. It was during our residence here that our four sons were born. In 1935 we moved to my fathers old home at 102 S. 6th St., it was here that our daughter was born. Arriving nine years after the youngest son, she did not lack for attention. Neighbors would say that she would never learn to walk, as she never had an opportunity.

Our children loved pets, including pigeons, ducks, chickens, cats, rabbits and dogs. Two dogs, Tuffy and Voo Doo will long be remembered by this generation.

They also enjoyed picture shows, and many times we would see them going and coming, carrying their sister on their shoulders. Often, when going to the shows, the boys would exchange shoes, wearing one of their own on one foot, and one of the brothers on the other, regardless of style or color.

All our children carry the middle initial of C. and the boys grew to a height of six foot two inches or more. The boys being so near the same size at the time of entering military service, and by entering at intervals, they all wore the same suit of clothes to the induction center in Denver, which is the Old Customs House. They all volunteered for service during World War II. We are proud of our daughter for her intellectual ability in classroom and music. Many compliments have been received by us, on our children, for which we are very grateful. May the future generations carry the name in the high esteem and admiration.

11TH GENERATION. Son, David Charles (born 9-7-1919) Lamar, Colo.

Children of Edgar C. and Alvarietta:

Betty Jane Gay (born 9-30-1923) Denver, Colo. Married (9-3-1941) in Denver, Colo. by Dr. William Barrett in Mountview Presbyterian Church.

David Charles attended Lamar Union High School and Colo. Univ. Entered military service (7-23-1944) served at Camp Roberts, Calif., as a technical sergeant and discharged at Camp Altebury, Indiana. Betty Jane attended Denvers East High School.

12TH GENERATION. Son, David Clayton (born 5-17-1944) Monte Sano Hosp. Glendale, Calif.

Children of David Chas. and Betty Jane:

Son, Larry Chapman (born 1-22-1951) St. Francis Hosp., Colo. Sprgs., Colo.

Dau. Elizabeth Candy (born 3-8-1953) St. Francis Hosp. Colo. Sprgs., Colo.

David Charles and Family have made their home in Black Forest at the foot of Pikes Peak, twenty miles northeast of Colo. Springs, on highway 189.

11TH GENERATION. Son, Edgar Clayton "Bud" (born 9-25-1921) Lamar, Colo.

Children of Edgar C. and Alvarietta:

Mary Louise Cardner (born 11-23-1924) Kansas City, Mo. Married (5-8-1949) by Rev. Elmer W. Harner in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Denver, Colo.

Edgar Clayton attended Lamar Union High School, Denver, Univ. Entered military service (3-1945) served in navy on South Pacific as BMG 3/c. Discharged (7-1946) at Norman, Okla. Mary Louise attended Kansas City High School and Business College.

No Children.

11TH GENERATION. Son, Reed Clyde (born 2-3-1925) Lamar, Colo.

Children of Edgar C. & Alivarietta:

Opal Marie Williams (born 4-9-1924) Pamona, Calif. Married (8-22-1947) by Rev. Hill on "Bride and Groom" Los Angeles, Calif. See Story "Quarrels of Courtship".

Reed Clyde attended Lamar Union High School, Colo. A. & M. and Colo. Univ. Entered military service (8-11-1943) served in Pacific as 2nd. Lt. discharged (12-7-1945) at Ft. Logan, Colo.

Opal Marie attended Wiley High School, Colo. A. & M. and Nurses Training.

12TH GENERATION.

Children of Reed Clyde and Opal Marie:

Son, Roger John (born 9-30-1949) Omaha, Nebr.

Dau. Sandra Lou (born 9-27-1951) Fargo, North Dakota.

11TH GENERATION.

Children of Edgar C. and Alvaretta:

Frank Carus (born 6-4-1928) Lamar, Colo.

Margaret Ruth Ohmer (born 2-16-1928) Covington, Kendore Co., Ky. Married (6-15-1951) by Homer D. Mooir, Major, in Tokyo, Japan.

Frank Carus attended Lamar Union High School and Denver Univ. Entered military service (9-27-1946) served one year in U. S. and four years in Japan. Discharged (10-9-1951) Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

Margaret Ruth attended Holy Cross and Notre Dame Academy.

12TH GENERATION.

Children of Frank Carus and Margaret Ruth:

Son, Gordon Francis (born 1-4-1952) Lamar, Colo.

11TH GENERATION.

Children of Edgar C. and Alvaretta:

Dau. Joy Christina (born 5-7-1937) Lamar, Colo.

When small, her highest ambition, was to have feet as large as her brothers, after she grew up. She is now a junior in Lamar Union High School, also a member of the First Methodist Church and Order of Rainbow for Girls in Lamar. She is the artist for the school annual staff, a high-ranking member of band and chorus. A member of the National Honor Society, a grade honor student, and is active in all school functions. She has made her high recognition in the community by service with her talents, especially her musical talents. She has also addressed several local societies on the subject of bees and honey production, for which she has received many compliments.

THE QUARRELS OF COURTSHIP

By John Nelson

Another series of courtship misunderstandings that finally resulted in the couple's being "more than ever in love" happened to Opal Williams and Reed Polhemus. Reed was a student-veteran studying engineering at the University of Colorado, while Opal lived at Denver only thirty miles away.

The difficulties started when it came to selecting Opal's engagement ring.

"I was a fool not to admit from the first that I had to figure finances closely," admits Reed, "but any fellow hates to seem 'cheap' to the girl he loves. So every time we found a ring that she liked . . . the price of which, of course, was always too high . . . I'd find a dozen reasons for not buying it."

Opal, not knowing the reason, began understandably to assume that Reed really didn't want the engagement. Reed, in turn, misunderstood her sudden coolness, and the romance seemed close to an end.

Then a fellow student suggested what seemed a wonderful solution. He assured Reed that he knew a wholesaler who would sell him a decent ring at a price within Reed's budget. Reed says:

"I was so excited when he gave me the address, and quoted the low price the dealer would charge me, that I immediately phoned Opal to meet me near the wholesale house in Denver."

Meeting at the prearranged place, the two hurried happily toward the address. Suddenly they were in front of it. "Can you imagine how I felt," Reed commented later, "when I saw that the 'wholesaler jeweler' my friend had told me about was one of the well-known pawnshop operators of the city!"

This, Reed was sure, was the end. But it wasn't. Opal demanded, "Reed has all this misunderstanding been because of money?"

His stricken eyes gave the answer. Without another word, Opal took his arm and practically pushed him inside Al's Loan Shop.

"About a minute later," reported Reed, "we had the ring selected and paid for. I turned to leave, but Opal stopped me, saying 'There aren't going to be any more delays or misunderstandings. Now you do what you're supposed to!'"

So, with a background of blue serge suits hanging on racks, and to a gallery of open-mouthed customers, Reed put the ring on Opal's finger and kissed her tenderly.

Weeks later, when Opal and Reed were our "Bride and Groom" of the day, one of the gifts was a beautiful and expensive diamond and wedding-ring set. Opal held the gleaming diamond ring in her hand, then looked at Reed and said softly, "I'll keep this always, as part of the happiest day of my life." But .. she looked at the tiny ring that they had once selected in a Denver pawn shop.... "this is the one I'll wear."

This was taken from a copy of the **The Woman**. It was published with another story of the same nature and were the true stories of two couples that were married on the "Bride and Groom" program.

Ninth Generation. 4th son of James Totten Polhemus.

Charles Henry, b. Jan. 1, 1864, in Silverton, N. J. - m. Apr. 22, 1884, Susan Caroline McNeas, b. Apr. 7, 1858, in Sandy County, Iowa.

Daughter, Luella, b. Feb. 12, 1886, near Atlanta, Nebr.

Daughter, Maud Lucinda, b. Nov. 24, 1887, near Orleans, Nebr. - Government service 1909-1947. Now retired.

Son, William Francis, b. June 29, 1889, Ragan, Nebr.

Son, Charles Henry Jr., b. July 16, 1900, near Piscataway, Md.

Tenth Generation

Luella m. George Ellerbrook, Oct. 23, 1906, near Accokeek, Md.

Daughter, Minnie, b. June 11, 1911, Washington, D. C.

Son, George, b. Oct. 4, 1916, Washington, D. C. (died 1-10-25)

Daughter, Elizabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1919, Washington, D. C.

11th Generation

Minnie Ellerbrook m. on Aug. 17, 1929, Angus Robert McMurtrie, b. Isle of Man, May 9, 1891 - d. Feb. 15, 1953.

12th

Daughter, Margaret Jane, b. Dec. 23, 1932, Los Angeles, Calif.

Daughter, Elizabeth Christian, b. July 18, 1935, Pasadena, Calif.

Son, Robert Angus, b. Sept. 30, 1936, Pasadena, Calif.

Daughter, Andrea Luella, b. Apr. 27, 1941, Pasadena, Calif.

Son, John Charles, b. Apr. 10, 1945, Bishop, Calif.

Daughter, Mary Ellen, b. Feb. 28, 1947, Bishop, Calif.

11th Generation

Elizabeth Ellerbrook, m. Nov. 23, 1941, Lloyd Arthur Goodale, b. Nov. 23, 1918.

12th

Daughter, Susan Elizabeth, b. May 8, 1944, Pasadena, Calif.
Son, Alan Lloyd, b. January 19, 1946, Bishop, Calif.
Daughter, Celia Ann, born Aug. 9, 1949, Bishop, Calif.
Daughter, Lucinda Jane, b. April 20, 1953, Bishop, Calif.

10th

Maud Lucinda - unmarried - life tenure in government service., 1909-1947, now retired.

10th Generation

Son William Francis, m. on Nov. 11, 1911 at Annapolis, Md., Elizabeth Blanchard m. near Marshall Hall, Md.
11th Daughter, Maud Elinor, b. in 1913, Lamar, Colo., d. 1914.
11th Daughter, Caroline Adele, b. Febr. 8, 1915, Lamar, Colo.
11th Son, James Francis, b. July 2, 1917, Washington, D. C.
Killed in action at St. Lo. June 17, 1944. Unmarried.
11th Son, Willard Harry, b. Dec. 16, 1918, Washington, D. C. M in 1939, Mexico, Jo Anne Morris, b in Pasadena, Feb. 16, 1921.
12th Son, Willard, b. Feb. 9, 1940, Pasadena.
12th Daughter, Melinda, b. Dec. 16, 1944, Pasadena.
12th Son Michael James, b. May 26, 1951, Pasadena.
12th Daughter, Ellen Elizabeth b. May 2, 1953.
11th Son, Edward Blanchard Polhemus, b. Dec. 9, 1921, Los Angeles, Cal. m. Nov. 11, 1944, Frances Howard, b. Houston, Tex.
12th Son, Jame Michael, b. June 2, 1946, Pasadena, Calif.
12th Son, Paul Howard, b. Apr. 9, 1948, San Francisco, Calif.
12th Son, David Francis, b. June 20, 1949, San Francisco.
12th Daughter, Deborah Suzanne, b. Feb. 22, 1952, Seattle, Wash.
10th Son, Charles Polhemus m. Carrie Polhemus.

11th

Dau. Anne; Dau. Lou, d. 1944.

LIFE SKETCH of CHARLES HENRY POLHEMUS

By his eldest daughter - Lula Ellerbrook

My father, Charles Henry Polhemus was born on New Year's Day, 1864. He was a normal baby, but during his early years was crippled by disease. The old-time people said measles "settled" in his left leg; in later years, he believed he had been a victim of polio. His lameness never deterred him in anything he wished to do; he seldom used a cane but drove horses, rode a bicycle, plowed and did all the things a farmer does. I used to forget he was lame until I would hear him walking after one of his many trips away from home. I'm sure no one ever gave his infirmity a thought after the first few moments of knowing him.

He did most of his studying under the direction of his brother Edgar, and qualified in New Jersey as a teacher at the age of 17.

When he was 19 he and his brother David left New Jersey to pioneer in Nebraska. My grandfather, James Totten Polhemus, had credited both lads with the time they had worked on the Silverton farm, and with his savings from book-cannassing and teaching, my father had \$500.00 over and above his railroad ticket as his capital in a virgin prairie country.

A sod house on the homestead he filed on was the first task. The house was finished and outbuildings constructed before he discovered it was practically in the center of a prairie-dog town. Prairie dogs dwellings were the refuge of rattlesnakes and I've heard many hair raising stories of the encounters with the rattlers, in the wagons, in the house and in the fields. No one was ever bitten, but eternal vigilance must have been the price of safety. The claim and Uncle David's claim were near Atlanta, Nebraska.

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The young men married soon after their arrival, my father in April 1884. Both wives took claims adjacent to their husbands', thus doubling their acreage. Both men had taken "timber claims" also, those pathetic efforts at reforestation in the early days. I was born in the sod house, the only member of my family able to make such a boast. We were living in the "soddy" when my sister Maud was born in 1887, but my Grandfather's farmhouse near Orleans, Nebraska was her birthplace.

Not long after my father's arrival he was approached by residents of a nearby community and invited to teach in their new school building. Cash was the scarcest commodity in the young homesteaders' lives, and he accepted the bid gladly. When he walked into the school on Monday morning, every seat was occupied by blue-eyed tow-headed youngsters of assorted ages from five to twenty years. He received no response to his "Goodmorning" and soon discovered that not one of his pupils understood or spoke English! The neighborhood was named Swede Creek. With no equipment except the regulation school books, he had every pupil speaking some English in two weeks. Their eagerness to acquire the language was great, and before long the parents were complaining that the children would not speak Swedish at home.

Besides building his house and outbuildings and teaching school my father found time that year to complete his theological studies, and to stand his examinations for ordination in the United Brethern Church. The old home in Silverton, New Jersey was a Methodist stronghold, and in my father's childhood, a succession of fundamentalist, hell and brimstone preachers had occupied the Silverton pulpit. The highly imaginative lad suffered through those discourses and actually had nightmares peopled with his version of the contents and inhabitants of Hades. No doubt his inquiring mind sent him to the Bible for explanations and verifications, and the old fire-eaters should have the credit for launching a young preacher on a twenty-year career of successful ministry on the circuits in Western Nebraska. Always in my childhood he had six churches, and preached at each once in two weeks, which meant three each Sunday, morning, afternoon and night. The churches were always filled for he was a powerful preacher. He served as Presiding Elder of the conference after a few years which meant more travel rather than less.

While serving as pastor to the various churches my father always operated a farm, and for some years published a newspaper. He had papers in Ragan, in Alma, and in Nelson at different times. The salary from the church was never sufficient for the family .. besides he likes to farm, and the newspapers were a natural in his work.

He was a delegate to the Populist convention in Cincinnati, and on his return changed the name of the Nuckolls County Herald to "The Alliace Herald" for the Farmers Alliance. So, always progressive, he was in on the beginning of the social revolution which produced Bryan, 16 to 1, the crown of thorns and cross of gold oratory and all the other signs of the awakening of the power of the workers of America.

During his ministry in Western Nebraska, there were two incidents which illustrated his character very well. He was fearless, had deep convictions, and a keen sense of justice, and - frankly, he loved a fight. A Seventh Day Adventist missionary began canvassing the neighborhood of one of the churches, rural of course and was making some headway apparently toward establishing a congregation. The new congregation had to be drawn from the U. B. Church, and the members appealed to my father to do something about it. My father challenged the organizer to meet in a two-weeks long debate, which was accepted. It meant intensive study of Adventism, but in the public meetings he appeared better informed in the missionary's own "ism" than the Adventist, who folded his tent and departed immediately thereafter.

The same thing occurred when a Mormon missionary appeared. He accepted the challenge, and my father acquired a Book of Mormon, and went to work on it. The result of the meetings was the same except the Mormon lad wept when the decision was against him.

Preaching, farming, newspaper publishing at top speed took their toll, and a complete nervous breakdown made a little moderation a necessity. We owed his recovery to John Polhemus' wife, Alice. (Carrie's mother).

In 1898 he left the ministry for a secretarial position with Representative Sutherland, and we moved to Washington, D. C. He also served as a private secretary to William L. Stark of Nebraska, and after Mr. Stark's retirement from the legislative scene, my father was employed in the census of 1900.

A farm was inevitable, of course, and we lived off and on until 1926 on a Maryland farm fifteen miles from Washington.

In 1907 my father moved to Colorado to help his brother David in his bee business. He stayed there until 1912 when he returned to Maryland and the farm.

He was chief clerk of the salvage office at Camp Meade after World War I; bookkeeping was another of his avocations, that gave him a rating of accountant in that work!

He preached occasionally at the Methodist churches in Southern Maryland, taught school there, and worked unremittingly for Prohibition in Maryland. No state needed it more.

In 1926 my brother Charles persuaded him and my mother to leave the disagreeable Maryland climate for California. My older brother was already here.

I followed with my two girls in 1927, and Maud, my sister moved to California when she retired from Government service in 1947.

My parents' lives in California were leisurely at last; they had time to enjoy flowers and their grandchildren; my father had little time for us when we were growing up, but his companionship in later years was a rare thing.

A tribute to him by my older daughter I like to remember. The two girls and I had Sunday dinner with the folks in accordance with our usual custom. Also according to custom we sat at the table talking for half the afternoon. On our way home, my eight-year old daughter Elizabeth said, "Why do we just sit and talk and talk at Grandma's on Sunday? Why don't we play?" Teenie, sixteen, answered her before I could think of a fair reply to an active eight-year-old: "If you'll keep your ears open at your Grandfather's dinner table, you'll learn many wonderful things."

I'm finishing this meandering account on May 30. Soon Carrie, Maud and I, and Charles, will go to San Gabriel Cemetery where my parents and Charles' and Carrie's little Lou are buried, and place on their graves the flowers from our gardens, in loving remembrance and gratefulness that "such as these have lived and died".

9th Generation.

Anna, eldest daughter of James Totten Polhemus and Lucy Clayton, his wife m. Royal Irons.

10th Daughter, Ida, m. Wm. Carroll - no children - Carroll died 1944. Most of her life a telephone operator.

9th-Daughter, Caroline Adele Polhemus -d.Oct. 23, 1888, age 16 years, 11 months buried Industry Cemetery near Atlanta, Nebr.

9th Generation

Youngest daughter of James Totten Polhemus and his wife Lucy Ann Clayton. Ida Flora Polhemus born 11-1-1873, Silvertown, N. J.; d. 12-23-1952, Petersburg, Ohio. married 8-31-1904 Lamar, Colo. to John Horton Overturf, born 11-7-1875, Knox Co., Ill. One Child - Daughter - Bernice Marie Overturf.

10th Generation - Autobiography of herself and family.

Bernice Marie Overturf b. 8-17-1905, Bend, Oregon; married 4-2-1926, Ord, Nebraska to Channing Earl Mercer b. 1-12-1899, New Waterford, Ohio.

We lived near Gibbon and Kearney, Nebraska for 10 years on three different rented farms in Buffalo County. During these ten years our 5 older children were born. In December 1936 we moved to Petersburg, Ohio where we bought a 180 acre farm where we have lived till now. It is a fine place to rear a family. We are away from other people with plenty for everyone to do. It is comfortable and the dearest place on earth.

11th Generation - Children of Bernice Marie Overturf and Channing Earl Mercer.

1. **Daughter** - Elizabeth Marie Mercer (b. 2-10-1927). Elizabeth attended Petersburg High School, Youngstown College, and later Ohio State University where she got her A. B. Degree in Home Economics. She taught one year at Petersburg before graduation and 3 years at Youngstown in James Hillman Junior High. Has also worked two years in Pillsbury's Test Kitchen in Minneapolis. Is interested in art and music, also sport of all kinds. Is always playing some new game - bowling, tennis, swimming, golf, and recently skiing. Now she is in Europe on a tour with American Youth Abroad. Will visit England, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France.
2. **Son** - John Thomas Mercer (b. 2-12-28), married 8-2-1952 to Joyce Eleanor Holdson (12-14-26), Conneaut, Ohio, daughter of Mildred Loomis and Homer H. Holdson. John attended high school at Petersburg and college at Ohio State; finished a five year course in Agricultural Engineering; enlisted in U. S. Army for 18 months and was sent to Japan and the Phillipines. He was always very studious and had honors in school; read all the time he was able except he went out for football in high school. We were happily surprised to have him return to the farm after college and go in partnership with Chan. Joyce did her High School work in Conneaut, Ohio. She graduated from College of Commerce at Ohio State when John did; plays piano and organ and sings; is a very good tennis player. Since her marriage to John she has worked nearly half the time either on school financial reports or Creamery bookkeeping. Besides, she does all the bookwork for the "firm". She is a very successful photographer and delights all with her color slides.
3. **Son** - Marion Channing Mercer (b. 11-12-29). Graduated from High School at Petersburg, Ohio; started a course in Horticulture at Ohio State, but was drafted in U. S. Marine Corps in Sept. 51 and served two years, taking basic at Parris Island and working in the communications office at Cherry Point, N. Carolina. At present is at Ohio State finishing his final year. He was always especially interested in Art, music, landscape gardening, and related things. Has several years of 4-H work and acted also as adviser and counsellor at 4-H

camp. Belonged to 4-H Steer Club and won prizes for feeding and showmanship.

4. **Daughter** - Phyllis Irene Mercer (b. 12-4-32) married 3-15-52 to Charles Jesse Ritts (b. 11-4-30), son of Anna Fetter and Charles E. Ritts, Cleveland. Stevie and Stanley were ring-bearers at the church wedding at Petersburg, Ohio. Phyllis had High School at Petersburg, attended Ohio State for five quarters preferring social studies. She played clarinet in dance band all through high school in addition to her school music. She took charge of the household often when I was sick and is a good cook and good with the little children. Also she sews her clothes and is successful at that. She was in 4-H cooking and sewing club and steer club (once had Grand Chamipon) and took a great interest in Farm Bureau Youth Conferences and camps.

Charles had high school in Cleveland and got his degree at Ohio State in Dairy Technology. He worked for several summers at Meyers Dairy in Cleveland and after graduation worked in Weirton, W. Va. until he was drafted into the army. He is now stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He is very jolly and friendly and easy to know, and a splendid letter writer.

5. **Daughter** - Christine Elaine Mercer (b. 3-8-36). Finished high school this spring at Petersburg. She is good in Art and Music - plays piano and sings, also plays trombone in band and orchestra. Plans to go to Kent State University this fall to start her course to prepare for Elementary Teaching. She has several years in 4-H cooking, sewing and steer club. Interested in 4-H camp and Farm Bureau Youth Group.

6. **Daughter** - Barbara Kay Mercer (b. 10-2-39), Mahoning Co., Ohio. Has finished first year high school at Petersburg. She is taking piano, bass violin and French horn and is in chorus. She likes sewing and cooking and takes Home Economics. She is in 4-H Steer Club. Plans to attend 4-H camp and likes to do baby sitting for neighbors.

7. **Daughter** - Ida Lucille Mercer (b. 7-15-42), Mahoning Co., Ohio. She has finished sixth grade at New Middletown. Has always been very fond of babies and tots and has been very good with them since she was a tot herself. She is artistic and musical and a good writer.

8. **Daughter** - Karen Lee Mercer (b. 7-18-45) Mahoning Co., Ohio. She was very tiny and thin at birth and we watched over her anxiously. She has now finished 3rd grade and is very bookish - reads almost anything and plays piano quite well. She is very tomboyish at times and terrible on clothes and shoes.

9. & 10. **Twin Sons** - Steven Ray Mercer and Stanley Jay Mercer (b. 6-5-47), Mahoning Co. Ohio. They will start to school next year - they read some now. Grandad is carrying ahead their reading program. They have been a great joy and amusement to the whole family and miss very little of what goes on.

LIFE SKETCH of IDA FLORA POLHEMUS

by her Husband - John H. Overturf

Her father, James Totten Polhemus, (8th Generation) owned a farm near Silverton bordering the "Cove", a body of water off Barnegat Bay. He had a "scow" which he named "The Lucy of Silverton" for his wife Lucy Ann Clayton. Ida was the baby of the family and talked to me many times of the greatest day of the year - the day when he set sail and took "all the neighbors" across Barnegat Bay to the reef and the beach. She said it was near enough that on stormy nights she could

hear the breakers roar. I would ask, how many people would there be? Always the answer "Oh, I wouldn't know; the whole neighborhood." She would sit in dreamy contemplation. That was feature No. 1 in her childhood. Her father had cranberry "bogs" and cranberry picking was feature No. 2. He had a team of mules and a team of sorrel horses with white manes and tails, high spirited, and many times she was nearly scared stiff when someone tried to pass him on the road a thing he never allowed. She was always afraid of horses and that may have been part of the reason. He took good care of his land, making many trips with both teams to the marl pits at Manasquan - a full day's job. After a field was plowed and made ready for corn they marked it both ways and where the marks crossed they buried a moss banker (worthless fish), for fertilizer, and prepared the hill for "four grains of corn" She used to drop those.

Being the youngest in the family she suffered a good many frustrations in her childhood especially over not being allowed to do all the things she wanted to. She was not one to make a big disturbance so she would go into a corner by the door, pull the door around and stand there in the dark till the hurt was gone out of her heart. Her brothers, much older, she similingly told, used to call the corner, "Ida's pouty house".

As part of their occupation her brothers and their father did no small amount of fishing in season in the "Cove" and the Bay with seines. They got many clams which Lucy Ann (Clayton), her mother, pickled, and sent with James Totten on his regular trips to Trenton 40 miles away. He started sometimes before midnight so as to be on the market early. Occasionally he failed to sell all the fish but not so with the pickled clams there never was enough of them.

She talked much of her grandmother Clayton but not of her grandmother Polhemus. When I asked about her, Ida looked puzzled and a little troubled. Now we know the reason why. Rachel Totten was her grandmother and Nathaniel Polhemus her grandfather. He died in 1868, five years before Ida was born and Rachel went back to her old neighborhood on Staten Island to live with her daughter Mary Sprague. She lived to 1892, 24 years after Nathaniel passed to his reward, and about 9 years after Ida and her parents had gone to Nebraska. Ida's father took a homestead in south central Nebraska, 200 miles from my boyhood home in southeastern Nebraska. We first met at a Normal College 5 miles east of Lincoln. It was a "natural" and after I got through school and worked a year in Oregon as timber cruiser and then timekeeper and fieldman for a townsite and sawmill company, I came back to Lamar, Colo., where she was teaching school and helping her brother David Clayton Polhemus on his apiary. In answer to my question if she would like to live 100 miles from the railroad and grow up with the country she said "yes". So, in 1905 our daughter was born there - Bernice Marie Overturf. She was a later edition of Barbara Worth. I was everywhere on horseback and after she was 9 months old I often rode on short trips through the town with her on my arm, left arm around my neck and right arm keeping time with the gallop of the horse. Everybody knew her.

The elevation was 5000 ft. and Ida's health was not good. In 1907 we came East to visit our people and she felt much better within a few days. So we sold our house and all belongings and lived 30 years in Nebraska, coming to Ohio in 1937. After 15 years here she passed to her reward in 1952. The last four years were very quiet and comfortable in an apartment near our daughter and our 10 grandchildren. There I still live, in surroundings much more pleasant than I have ever done anything to deserve. But, you know that is the definition of Grace undeserved favor.

Throughout this narrative I have called her Ida, but at that little Normal College in Nebraska her girl friend began calling her Flo. Well, it "took" immediately and to this day the Polhemus clan call her Ida and all Overturf's call her Flo.

LIFE SKETCH OF IDA FLORA POLHEMUS

By her daughter, Bernice Marie Overturf Mercer

My earliest memories of my parents were about their music. My mother played piano and guitar and they used to sing together. Mother was very particular and methodical and precise and I was a great trial to her because I was careless and tomboyish and much preferred to be outdoors. She was a very good speller and grammarian and had taught eleven years before her marriage. She always helped and encouraged me with my school work. Although I had music teachers whom my parents paid for teaching me piano, she did most of the teaching herself. She had an unusual type of humor .. not talkative but always remembering sayings of her mother and grandmother for every situation. The familiar situation always calls to mind the phrases. When anything was to be marked she would tell of the old woman who marked her pies "TM" for "tis mince", and 'Tm' for "taint mince. When someone dropped a knife it was a "sign" a man would be visiting us. And the direction of the knife as it lay on the floor told the direction of his home.

Her habit of teaching and encouraging extended also to her grandchildren. Most recently Karen always went to Grandma for help in any problem ... also she was advance news reporter. One of the college students or service boys might arrive and plan to walk in and surprise Grandma and Grandad, but long before the initial greetings at our house was done, our carrier pigeon would be out the back door to Grandma and break the big news. Ida was also Grandma's pupil in reading and spelling which explains much of her success in school. She invented a method of avoiding a clash with parents and still give the tots candy. It is in force to this day

a quite complicated rationing system. It was also adapted for motivation in learning to count. At one time the twins received as many grains of candy corn each day as they were able to count. That may have been Grandad's idea I don't know. The twins and Karen went to Grandma for first aid in accidents and for repairs in mittens, shirts, pants or toy grain-sacks. She invented and made those in the first place one of the most charming toys of all. Her cooking and house-keeping will never be equaled around this place I fear because we have disregarded Grandma's admonition to do "one thing at a time" and now seem hopelessly committed to carrying on dozens of projects simultaneously.

APPENDIX - TITLE A

THE MONMOUTH PATENT - 1665

The name Monmouth was applied to the territory now comprising Monmouth and Ocean Counties, New Jersey, and is described in the Patent as follows: "To all whom these presents shall come: I, Richard Nicolls, Esq., Governor under his Royal Highness the Duke of York of all his territories in America send greeting:

Whereas there is a certain tract or parcel of land . . . lying near Sandy Point upon the Main; which . . . hath been with my consent . . . bought by some Inhabitants of Gravesend upon Long Island, of the Sachems (chief proprietors thereof) to the end that the said land may be planted, manured and inhabited I give, confirm, and grant unto Wm. Coudling, Samuel Spicer, Richard Gibbons, Richard Stout, James Grover, John Brown, John Tilton, Nathaniel Sylvester, William Reape, Walter Clarke, Nicholas Davis, Obadiah Holmes, patentees and their associates, their heirs, successors and assigns, all that tract and part of the mainland beginning at a certain place commonly called Sandy Point and so running along the bay west northwest till it comes to the mouth of the Raritan River, from thence going along the said river to the western-most part of the certain marshland divides the river into two parts, and from that part to run in a direct southwest line into the woods 12 miles and thence to turn away southeast and by south until it falls into the main ocean: together with all land, soils, rivers, creeks, harbors, mines, minerals (Royal mines excepted) quarries, woods, meadows, pastures, marshes, waters, lakes, fishings, hawkings, hunting and fowling and all other profits, commodities and heriditaments . . . to have and to hold the said lands . . . on such terms as are hereafter expressed, that . . . within the space of 3 years, beginning from the date hereof, manure and plant the said land . . . and settle thereon one hundred families at the least; in consideration whereof the said patentees and their associates shall enjoy the said land - for the term of seven years free from payment of any levy . . . whatever, but after seven years shall pay after the same rate which others within this His Royal Highness territory shall be obliged unto.

And I do likewise grant . . . free liberty of conscience, without any molestation or disturbance whatsoever in their way of worship.

And I do further grant . . . full power and authority to make such peculiar and prudential laws as to them shall seem meet; provided they shall be not repugnant to the public laws of the government; and they shall in all things have equal privileges, freedom and immunities with any of His Majesty's subjects within this government, paying such duties as now are established by laws." (From Salter's History of Monmouth and Ocean Counties p. 24).

Title B

Salter also has under the title: "A Memorable Scene", a description in "old Stadt" in New York, a meeting important in the settlement of Monmouth County. Leading person, was new British governor of New York, Col. Nicolls. White men in all sorts of attire, some partly adopted by the Indians present. Then, no white men lived in Monmouth but "certain residents of Gravesend, L. I., had made treaties with the Indians which were signed by the sachems and they had paid them to their full satisfaction for their land. But they desired also to obtain a title from the British crown." They had brought the Sachems across the bay to the State House in New York, 'to have the Governor receive the personal assurances of the

Sachems themselves that their land had been paid for to their full satisfaction and that they desired these men to settle on it." The Governor decided to grant the Patent but the Gravesend men also insisted that in it (the Patent) should be put a "pledge of unrestricted religious toleration" for settlers under it, so the celebrated "Monmouth Patent" included the desired guarantees. This Patent was recorded in the Office of the Recorder of New York, Nov. 8, 1665. It was also the first instrument recorded in the archives of the state at Trenton and in the Monmouth County records at Freehold. This predated Wm. Penn's purchase of land from the Indians in Pennsylvania by 17 years. Salter adds "When the Sachems pointed to the founders of Monmouth, saying in substance, these men have paid us for our land, give them a patent, that scene had a prior right to be commemorated."

Title C (Salter p. 18)

How Monmouth was Settled

There was intimate intercourse between the English of Gravesend and citizens of Newport, R. I., and in some cases families were nearly related. At Newport a "company of purchasers" was formed "to aid the settlement of Monmouth." Wm. Reape, also a signer, was probably the most effective member. As a merchant he traveled much on Long Island "and to various towns in Massachusetts which gave opportunities to enlist recruits and he was such a zealous Quaker that he was arrested in Plymouth Colony by the Puritans and on Long Island by the Dutch for traveling with Quaker preachers. Most of the men of Rhode Island and Long Island who aided in settling Monmouth had previously lived in Massachusetts and a number were of English birth."

Penelope Stout had lived in captivity by the Indians and had made friends with them. She reached New Amsterdam and married Richard Stout and induced him "occasionally to sail across the bay to visit her preserver and other Indian friends." In 1648 he and "four or five other heads of families settled where Middletown (in Monmouth) now is." In a few years, war between the Dutch and Indians compelled them to leave. In 1663, some Gravesend Men attempted to make arrangements with the Indians of Monmouth for settling but were warned off by the Dutch. In 1664 "the English took possession of New York." (Salter, p. 13).

The Richard Stout tradition: Six families had lived at Middletown for 5 or 6 years and were compelled to leave on account of troubles between Indians and whites. The Indians massacred all the inhabitants of Pavonia, now included in Hudson County and then passed over to Staten Island and left it without an inhabitant or a house. In three days over a hundred Dutch were killed and 150 taken prisoners and property to the amount of two hundred thousand florins was destroyed. (Salter p. 3 and 4).

On p. 29 — Warrants for tracts of lands to be subsequently located and surveyed, were issued by the proprietors to a long list of persons for 180 acres, 120, 210, 200. John Hance 330, Thos. Herbert 372, many 120, Richard Lippincott and wife and 2 sons and 2 servants, 600 acres. John Woolley and Wife 120. These warrants issued from 1675 to 1697. In 1681, Isaac Bryan, "self, wife, four children and eight servants, 840 acres."

History of the Church in New Jersey, by John Hall

The first church in Monmouth County, originally called the Scotch Meeting House, better known to us as the Tennent Church, 30 miles from Trenton, was formed of Scottish materials about 1692. The first pastor was from Scotland - John Boyd, died in 29th year of his age. Rev. Hall adds: Trenton was only known as Delaware Falls though really a 6 miles rapids, descent 18 ft.

George Whitefield met the Wesleys at Oxford and soon became noted for zeal, austerity, asceticism and labor too great for his strength. He followed the Wesleys to Georgia, broke with them because of his strict Calvinism. He spent his life in evangelizing tours in England, Ireland, Scotland and America, "preaching on an average 40 hours a week". (From Webster's Biographical Dictionary). Returned to America 7th time in 1769. Ill when he left England, landed at Newburyport, Mass., where he is buried.

Francis Asbury's diary has an entry of preaching "at Polhemus Mills" later Silverton. He was a Missionary of Methodism to the United States (1771), recalled in 1775 but refused to return altho he was a loyalist. Later became citizen of Delaware. Prominent in formation of Methodist Episcopal Church in U. S., 1779 to 1784. Assumed title of Bishop, 1785; ruled new church until his death in 1816. Material from the Brooklyn Eagle 2-4, 2-7 and 2-17, 1954 covering Tercentenary celebration of founding of churches on Long Island at Flatlands, Flatbush and Brooklyn. Dominie Polhemus - Pastor.

From Brooklyn Eagle - Feb. 7, 1954, p. 1

"The history of the first three Reformed Churches on Long Island begins with the first authentic purchase of land on Long Island from the Cárnarsie Indians who were there long before the arrival of Henry Hudson in 1609, and before the Dutch people settled on Long Island about 1625." (Mrs. Josephine Roeder, widow of Dr. Charles William Roeder pastor of Flatlands Church for 36 years).

Now by Rev. Stanley S. Slingerland, present pastor of Flatlands Reformed Church: "This land was in three flats and was purchased on June 6, 1636. They were called the Eastermost, Middlemost and Westernmost.

No regular church services were held until the year 1654. Until then, the early settlers on the western end of Long Island were dependent upon the city of New Amsterdam for all their civil and religious privileges, controlled by the director general of New Netherlands." In 1654, Director General Peter Stuyvesant sent the Rev. Johannes Theodorus Polhemus to minister to Dutch farmers settled across the East River. Stuyvesant had authorized the Rev. Johannes Megapolensis, the Dominie of the "Church in the Fort" to go across to Long Island and by ecclesiastical authority, to organize a church at New Amersfort (Flatlands), at Midwout (Flatbush), and at Breuckelen. This great event took place on Feb. 9, 1654.

Dominie Polhemus became the minister of the three congregations which built their first church building in Flatbush on what is now the corner of Flatbush and Church Avenues in 1654. The Dutch Reformed Church still stands on the same site, one of the busiest street intersections of the nation.

The building dates were Flatbush 1654, Flatlands 1663, Breuckelen 1666. In 1664 the English took over the colony but the ecclesiastical and civil rights of the Dutch churches were retained so upon Dominie Polhemus' death in 1676 a minister from Holland was installed because the Dutch churches in the North American English colonies continued under the jurisdiction of the classis of Amsterdam in Holland until 1772 (118 years after their founding) when the Reformed Dutch churches in North America became a virtually self-governing group of churches. . . In 1792 the denomination became wholly separated from the Reformed Church in the Netherlands and is now incorporated as the Reformed Church in America.

From the Brooklyn Eagle, 2-4-1954. "Polhemus Clinic of the Long Island Hospital is named for the same family of Polhemus that the first Protestant pastor of Brooklyn was a descendant of."

And Polhemus Place between Carroll St. and Garfield Place was named for the family of the first Dutch pastor, Dominie Polhemus.

Appendix - Title G - Miscellaneous

Clarifications and viewpoints varying from other titles in the Appendix - all gleaned from Narratives of New Netherland, 1609-1664, by J. Franklin Jameson. Published by Scribner 1909. All page references are to this book.

The Dutch West India Company was chartered by the States General of Holland, June 8, 1621. They are the Messrs., Directors below. The Classis of Amsterdam was the ruling body of the Dutch Reformed Church corresponding roughly to the Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

Letter of Rev. Johannes Megapolensis to the Classis of Amsterdam, March 18, 1655:

I feel it my duty to answer your reverences, dated the 11th of November, 1654. Cod has led Domine Johannes Polhemius from Brazil, by way of the Carribean Islands to this place. He has for the present gone to Long Island, to a village called Midwout. There he has preached for the accommodation of the inhabitants on Sundays during the winter, and has administered the sacraments to the satisfaction of all, as Director Stuyvesant has undoubtedly informed the Messrs. Directors. We have here Papists, Mennonites, and Lutherans among the Dutch; also many Puritans and Independents, and many Atheists and various other servants of Baal among the English under this Government, who conceal themselves under this Government, who conceal themselves under the names of Christians.

Your obedient Johan. Megapolensis.

He mentions "Rhode Island, a place of errorists and enthusiasts". Portion of footnote p. 400 - Persecution of Quakers and other sectaries in New Netherland was continued by Stuyvesant and finally culminated in the case of John Bowne, of Flushing, a Quaker. Banished from the province and transported to Holland, Bowne laid his case before the Directors of the West India Company, who reproved Stuyvesant by a letter in which they said (April 16, 1663): "The consciences of men ought to remain free and unshackled. This maxim of moderation has always been the guide of the magistrates in this city; and the consequence has been that the people have flocked from every land to this asylum. Tread thus in their steps, and we doubt not you will be blessed." (This seems to supersede the Monmouth Patent, dated 1665).

P. 393 Footnote. "Stuyvesant and the ministers were disposed to maintain the monopoly of the Reformed (Calvinistic) Church. In 1656 he forbade even Lutheran services in private houses; but the company would not sustain this.

Rev. Megapolensis - letter to Classis of Amsterdam Aug. 5, 1657, p. 399. "We can say but little of the conversion of the heathens or Indians here, and see no way to accomplish it, until our people set them a better example than they have done heretofore". Ibid p. 401. "We are at this time in great want of English ministers. It is more than two years since Mr. Doughty of Flushing which is a town here, went to Virginia where he is now a preacher. He left because he was not well supported. At Gravesend there never has been a minister. ... We therefore request you, Rev. Brethren, to solicit the Hon. Directors of the West India Company, to send over one or two English preachers. In New England there are few places without a preacher although there are many towns stretching for more than a hundred leagues along the coast."

Letter by Rev. Henricus Selyns to the Classis of Amsterdam Oct. 4, 1660. (p.40).
"At Brooklyn I was cordially received by the magistrates and consistory, and greeted by Domine Polhemius."

— Closing Statement —

My contribution to the collection and arrangement of this genealogy is hereby dedicated to the memory of Ida Flora (Polhemus) Overturf - my wife. Our married life was more than 48 years.

John Horton Overturf - Narrator.

